**LARGO AREA COMMUNITY COUNCIL DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 18TH OF OCTOBER 2021 AT 7.15 PM IN THE SIMPSON INSTITUTE UPPER LARGO WITH PARTICIPANTS ALSO ONLINE VIA ZOOM**

Those present were: - Chairman Peter Aitken, Mrs Green, Mrs Aitken, Mr Fox, Mr Clark, Mr Barker and Mrs Young.

In attendance was Councillor Ritchie who was welcomed back to the Community Council meetings by Mr Aitken.

Thanks to Mr Drew Morrison for setting up the Zoom facilitating for those who are unable to attend the meeting face to face. We are continuing to use the Community Zoom platform shared between Largo Church, LACRT and Largo Community Council.

Apologies were received from Mr Allan, Mrs Stewart, and Mrs Low.

Mr Aitken declared an interest for the Largo Road Trial.

Corrections to last months minutes – Selkirk Grove is still to be adopted by Scottish Water and spelling of Woodland Trust.

With these corrections last months minutes were moved for approval by Mr Clark and seconded by Mrs Aitken.

**Community Zoom**

When the Community Council meetings were first held on Zoom, we were lucky enough to be offered Louise Robbs personal Zoom platform for three months. After that we started using a shared platform with LACRT and Largo Church. Largo Church had it’s own Zoom for a year but is now using the Community Zoom. We are paying one third of the cost £119.90 +VAT. The Community Council is happy with the proposal to carry on.

**Corona Virus**

- At the last LACRT meeting it was decided to take on the role of Emergency Community Planning. The team’s role will be to assist the Police with any emergency incidents in the community. The police are happy to use organised volunteers in this way.

- An article was placed in the community diary ‘Largo Links’ looking for volunteers to join LACRT.

- Over lockdown LACRT organised two ‘Kites for Kids’ events on the beach at The Temple and it is hoped to hold another similar event on the 30th of December at 1.00 pm with hot chocolate.

**New Community Councillor Member**

Mrs Low contacted Mrs Moir and unfortunately, she has decided to step down from the Community Council due to time pressures. The Community Council wish to thank Mrs Moir for her contribution to the Community Council during her time with us.

There is now a vacancy and Diane Penrice from New Gilston and Woodside will be approached in the hope that we might get a representative from there, although the position is open to anyone who is a member of the Largo Area community and if there is more that one candidate a vote will be held.

It may be too late, but it hoped to get the request into the next issue of The Largo Links.

**Lundin Links Hotel**

Following an Enforcement Procedure Fife Council has contacted Keith Punler, owner of the hotel, and given him an ultimatum to carry out the work to secure the building and tidy up the site by the 22nd of October or Fife Council will carry-out the work and seek renumeration from Mr Punler for the work done.

**Community Councillors Profiles**

It was brought to the Community Councils notice that new members did not necessarily know the background, skills, and experience of the other members so it was decided, it would be helpful and for the benefit of Community Councillors only, to ask everyone to give a brief outline of the above information about themselves and pass it on to The Chairman, Mr Aitken.

**Sink Hole**

There has been a problem on the junction of Victoria Road & Links Road when a sinkhole appeared, and the barrier erected by Fife Council was blown over several times causing traffic congestion. Mr Donaldson who reported the problem has picked up the barrier but suggested the hole be fixed asap. There was no response from Fife Council when Mr Aitken contacted them. David Patterson, Area Services Manager will be asked to inspect the site to get things moving forwards.

**Remembrance Service**

The poppy wreathes for Fife Council and the Community Council have been ordered for the Remembrance Service which will be held on Sunday 14th of November at Largo Parish Church at 10.30 am. and at the War Memorial at 12.00 pm.

**Boat Club**

There has been a falling out between members of the Boat Club and Mr Aitken has been approached to act as Facilitator to resolve the problem, however the Police have had to carryout an investigation and the Community Council felt that Mr Aitken should step back as it is not part of the Community Council remit. Mr Aitken was in agreement.

There was a suggestion that there may be a Fife Mediation Service that could help.

**Station Car Park Development**

There had been a suggestion that, to improve the parking situation in Lower Largo the Station Car Park could be enlarged and a site meeting took place with Councillor Davidson and Councillor Ritchie who are in favour of extending, and Officers from Fife Council. However, Environmental Services, who are responsible for the car park have no money for development. It was suggested by Councillor Ritchie that we go ahead with the idea so it could be put in next year’s budget. A possibility could be to move the bins as long as the recycling lorries can get access.

**Lighting of Cardy House Lane**

Following a recent very dark walk along the lane leading from the top corner of The Temple Car Park past Cardy House, Mr Aitken put forward the suggestion that, for safety reasons, the lane was lit. The suggestion of bulkhead lighting, with a sensor was put to Mr Rolland. As it would be on private property Mr Rolland would have to pay for the electricity and be compensated by LACC later. The subject was discussed and a motion for rejecting the proposal was put forward by Mrs Young. Three members voted for the proposal and three against. It will be discussed at a future meeting.

**Pier Group**

The Pier Group have been looking into the ownership of the grass area opposite The Crusoe Hotel and the landowner is the Montrave Estate. They are happy for it to be continued to be used by the community, but it may not be suitable as a site for a museum. The hill is called Cellar Brae. There was a tentative suggestion that the museum be built onto the back of The Library.

At the Levenmouth Reconnected meeting it was suggested by The Countryside Trust that a joint application be made for funding for the Pier and museum.

**ForthWind Ltd Offshore Demonstration Wind Turbines**

Mr Aitken contacted ForthWind Ltd to clarify the important points of the offshore demonstration project at Methil. There will be only one turbine and one mast. The proposed development will consist of 1 Wind turbine Generator with the maximum generation capacity of 20 megawatts and meteorological Mast.

The proposed development will last for 25 years from the date that the turbine is first commissioned. The meteorological Mast however will only be in place for 5 years.

In answer to the question, Will the turbine and mast be dismantled at the end of the demo project their reply was, ‘The Scoping report advises that the applications will cover decommissioning procedures and impacts. Also, decommissioning of renewable energy structures in the sea is covered by the provisions of the Energy Act 2004. Scottish Ministers will issue notices under this Act ensuring that suitable provision for decommissioning is made’.

The company already have a licence and have already carried out a scoping exercise.

The Community Council have no objection.

**Openreach Pole at Drummochy**

Fife Council are investigating whether Openreach require Planning Permission to erect a pole to carry wires. Openreach are under the impression that they do not. Mr Aitken contacted St Andrews, Dalgety Bay and Kirkcaldy Community Councils to ask if they had experienced this problem, but none had.

Mr Aitken had previously suggested that the residents possibly get legal advice as community councils are unable to give this. This step may result in BT having to apply for Planning Permission.

**Pathfinders Rally**

The Community Council were appreciative of the efforts made to consult and inform all parties involved with the event in April 2022, however one of our Fife Councillors advised the meeting that none of the elected members of Fife Council had been consulted about the rally.

**John Ripley VC**

As yet Thomson the engravers have not replied to the request for an estimate for work to be carried out on the headstone of John Ripley VC.

Clare Young has volunteered to take on the responsibility for looking after his Grave.

Perhaps The Black Watch Regiment could be approached for help if there is any cost involved.

**Selkirk Grove**

Temporary Access Road – Fife Council gave a temporary license for an access road during the construction of Selkirk Grove and Mr Barker has asked Fife Council to rescind the license now the work is complete which would force Lundin Homes to remove the road. David Crichton, the landowner, will be approached to put pressure on Lundin Homes.

The initial consultation for the new Local Plan is due out shortly, which may have a bearing on the situation.

**Traffic Lights Trial**

The next step is to write to Eva Martinez, Traffic Management, Fife Council stating again that due to the pandemic there has been a turnaround of the decision to carry out the trial and how disappointed the affected residents on Largo Road are. Also, to CC Ken Gourlay, Head of Transportation, invite his comment and suggest a site meeting.

**AOCB**

- It was brought up by a Community Council member that it was disappointing that there were no information boards informing walkers at Massney Braes about the Pictish Graves in the area and the history surrounding them. Also, the standing stones on the Ladies Golf Course. Perhaps the Tourism Officer for Fife Council could be contacted, and a leaflet could be produced.

- A resident of Woodlands Road, Lundin Links is concerned about an overflow which has been running for some time in a house where the resident is not at home. The concerned resident has contacted Sottish Water who can do nothing at present, and they were hoping the Community Council could help by writing to the owner if the water is not stopped.

**LCT Report**

LCT is entering a new phase as it has been awarded some grant funding to employ Community Development Officer. The employment brief will follow guidelines and community priorities and is due to start in early 2022. This initiative will involve significant consultation with all community groups, clubs, and associations. The consultation will be framed by a “Local Place Plan”. Furthermore, communications remain central to community engagement, and we are pleased to say that there is a new web site to be launched shortly.  Meanwhile LCT continues to provide a common forum for LACRT, the Pier Group, Largo Arts and the Largo House Group. Since there has not been an LCT meeting since the last CC meeting there is no further update. The LCT AGM is due to take place in November.

**THE NEXT MEETING IS ON THE 15TH OF NOVEMBER 2021 AT 7.00 PM IN THE DURHAM HALL, LOWER LARGO AND ON ZOOM**